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**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: **Friday, January 20, 2012**

10:00 A.M.

LOCATION: Columbus Regional Hospital

 Kroot Auditorium

 2400 East 17th Street

 Columbus, IN 47201

MEMBERS PRESENT:	John Zartman	(Training Institution)
	Michael Lockard	(General Public)
	Charles Valentine	(Municipal Fire)
	G. Lee Turpen II	(Paramedic)
	Myron Mackey	(EMTs)
	Gary Miller	(Private Ambulance)
	Michael Olinger	(Trauma Physicians)

Ed Gordon	(Volunteer Fire EMS)
Sue Dunham	(Emergency Nurses)
Terri Hamilton	(Volunteer EMS)
Rick Archer	(Director of Preparedness & Training Designee)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Melanie Jane Craigin (Hospital EMS)
William Rutherford (Emergency Physicians)-Resigned

OTHERS PRESENT: Bruce Bare, Mara Snyder, Judge Gary Bippus, IDHS Staff

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Gary Miller.

No action was needed by the Commission. No action was taken.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Commissioner Mackey to adopt the minutes of the November 18, 2011 meeting as written. Seconded by Commissioner Zartman. Motion passed.

State EMS Directors Report

The State EMS Director Archer announced that a letter interpreting the operation of IV pump and ventilators by paramedics as being outside the scope of practice of paramedics making these skills specialty care transport for paramedics has been written. Commissioner Turpin and Legal Counsel have reviewed and we are ready to release it to our providers on Monday. The letter is coming from the agency so Commission approval is not needed. However the agency will supply a copy to Chairman Gary Miller for review.

The National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) notified paramedics who are renewing their National Registry certification that they have to either show Indiana has a bridge course increasing their knowledge up to the new National Standard Curriculum standards, or provide a letter that states the Indiana curriculum is equal to the National Registry curriculum. Commission staff has reviewed the current Indiana Paramedic Curriculum and determined that it does meet the new National Standard Curricula. A letter has been written and reviewed by Legal Counsel and will be posted on our website on Monday (January 23, 2012) attesting to that fact.

Director Archer stated that there has been a fair amount of time spent on reviewing the EMS Vision for the Future Report and the document that went along with it, and how to move further with the report. To complete the project, a priority list needs to be developed. Director Archer proposed tasking the TAC and selecting others to review the report and make a priority list that can then be used to identify the next steps. The IDHS Exercise Training Staff will facilitate that meeting and work to get the priority list completed in the next sixty (60) days.

Director Archer also announced there are some legislative bills of interest to the EMS community and asked Mara Snyder, Legal Counsel, to speak about the bills.

Ms Snyder announced that Bill 1114, physician order for scope of treatment legislation, will have a Committee hearing on January 23, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. in House Chambers.

House Bill 1186, Representative Tim Brown's bill, would create paramedic licensing under the EMS Commission as opposed to paramedic certification. The bill was heard on January 18, 2012 and was passed 9-0. Ms. Snyder didn't know whether it was amended in committee.

Senate Bill 224, Senator Miller's bill, provides for the EMS Commission/Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Health to report to the Health Finance Commission, information about ambulances and Emergency Medical Services.

The bill was amended in committee hearing on January 11, 2012 and had not had its second reading. The bill was passed out of committee hearing 10-0.

Senate Bill 371 that Senator Mishler is carrying for the agency is the bill that will put into statute the new certification system and amend the Emergency Medical Dispatch program to require EMD training but not certification of the agencies or individuals. The statute, as amended, would require personal that are performing Emergency Medical Dispatch to receive the training. A hearing is set for January 24, 2012, but time or location of the hearing was not available.

STAFF REPORT

Certifications issued since last meeting (November 18, 2011)

Basic EMT	214
Advanced EMT	23
EVOC Drivers	39
EVOC Instructors	0
First Responder	136
Paramedics	69
Primary Instructors	5
Intermediate EMT	3
Extraction	7
Total	496

Staff Reports:

Mr. Bare stated that it is a common myth that volunteer fire departments are not required to be certified. However, any agency that renders patient care does need to be certified. Commissioner Valentine suggested a sub-committee be formed to see if there are legislative changes needed and to look into what can be done to get the volunteer fire departments compliant. Sub-Committee of Commissioners Gorman,

Mackey, Valentine and IDHS staff member Bruce Bare was formed for that purpose.

EMS PERSONNEL WAIVER REQUEST

The following requested a waiver of 836 IAC 4-5-2 (a) (1) (D) deadline for completing Primary Instructor testing requirements. Staff recommended approval.

Scott, Jay W. (PI)

Matson, Steven A. (PI)

Commissioner Olinger offered a motion to approve the waivers. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gordon. The motion was passed.

The following requested a waiver of 836 IAC 4-4-1 (b) (EMT) and 4-7-2 (b) (Basic Advanced) deadline for completion of testing requirements. Staff recommended approval.

Cooper, Brandon L. (EMT)

Kirchner, Anna M. (BASIC ADVANCED)

Turnpaugh, Melissa S. (EMT)

Commissioner Valentine offered a motion to approve the waivers. Chairman Miller stated for the record that Cooper is for a three (3) month extension, Kirchner is for a nine (9) month extension, and Turnpaugh is for a six (6) day extension. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zartman. The motion was passed.

The following requested a waiver of 836 IAC 4-9-6 (b) (2) extension of 6 months for temporary Paramedic certification. Staff recommended approval.

Potrawski, Tomasz Z. (Paramedic)

Commissioner Olinger offered a motion to approve the waiver for six (6) months. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mackey. The motion was passed.

The following requested a waiver of 836 IAC 4-9-4 and 4-9-5 extension of deadline to collect and submit continuing education for recertification. Staff recommended denial.

Bassett, Jody Lynn (Paramedic)

Commissioner Valentine offered a motion to table the waiver until next meeting due to lack of information. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lockard. The motion was passed.

The following requested a modification of a previous waiver of 836 IAC 4-7-2(2) to gain ALS affiliation. Staff recommended approval.

Stronczek, Janella J. (Basic Advanced)

Commissioner Olinger offered a motion to pass the waiver for a six (6) month waiver. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mackey. The motion was passed.

The following requested a waiver of 836 IAC 4-4-1 (e) (1) (EMT) and 4-7-5 (f) (1), (B/A) General Certification Provisions, to expand the scope of practice to include and allow 12- lead EKG acquisition and transmission by Basic Life Support personnel. Staff recommended adoption of the waiver request. In addition to the request, staff recommended that the TAC conduct a fiscal impact research study of the project noting positive patient outcomes.

Parke County Ambulance Service

Vermillion County Ambulance Service

Commissioner Olinger stated he is in favor of the pilot program, however, he thinks that they need to go before the IRP to get a waiver due to it being an experiment on people, collecting data on people (subjects). Commission asked if anyone was present to represent either organization to answer questions. Angela Powell, Lugar Center, prepared the waiver on behalf of Parke and Vermillion Counties. Ms. Powell demonstrated the device. After discussion, the Commission voted on the waiver.

Commissioner Olinger offered a motion to approve a one (1) year waiver pending IRP approval the project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mackey. The motion passed.

The following requested a waiver of 836 IAC 1-2-1 (b) (1)(2) and 1-2-5 (a) (4) Staffing, and 836 IAC 1-3-5 (3) (F) Equipment to allow IU Health Ball Memorial to operate Neo-natal transport with their NICU staff. Staff recommended approval with modifications that at least one member of the Ball Memorial staff on each run is oriented to Ambulance Operations and knows the locations of on- board equipment and how to operate oxygen, suction, inverter, lights, heat, etc. This training should be provided and both training curriculum and attendance documented by Eaton EMT's Inc.. It should be the responsibility of Eaton EMT's to insure that all equipment is compatible, secured, and that the transport conveyance will lock into the cot restraint system. This all should be inspected and documented by the driver at the beginning of each run.

Eaton EMT's Inc.

IU Health Ball Memorial

Commissioner Olinger suggested that the transports cannot start until the curriculum for the proposed training is submitted and approved by Commission staff.

Commissioner Archer offered a motion to approve the waiver with the staff recommendations with the addition that the curriculum for the proposed training is submitted and approved by staff prior to any transports being made. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Olinger. Chairman Miller clarified that this is for a two (2) year waiver. The motion was passed. Commissioner Archer offered a motion to amend the motion to reflect correct IAC code the correct code is IAC 836 1-2-5 (c). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valentine. The motion passed.

INVESTIGATION REPORT

Report submitted for information purposes only:

January 2012 Compliance Report (November-December)

Investigations

Offender cases reviewed	41
Certifications Cleared	22
Denied	1

Revoked	0
Two year Probation	17
One year Probation	1
Personnel Investigations	7
Provider Investigations	4
Supervising Hospital Investigations	0
Training Institution Investigations	1

Compliance

Individual Certification Audits	Not available at time of meeting
Provider Audits	5
Training Institution Audits	1
Supervising Hospital Audits	0

No action required, none taken.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS

Orders Issued

Order No. 72-2011, Mark E. Aldridge

No action required, none taken

Order No. 80-2011, Brian J. Blazak

No action required, none taken

Order No. 39-2010, Jason J. Corder

No action required, none taken

Order No. 3-2012, Benjamin Craig

No action required, none taken

Order No. 2-2012, Christopher J. Hale

No action required, none taken

Order No. 1-2012, Chad Hammes

No action required, none taken

Order No. 73-2011, Johnny Helmuth

No action required, none taken

Order No., 71-2011, Nicole Huddleson

No action required, none taken

Order No. 82-2011, Christopher S. Moehlenkamp

No action required, none taken

Order No. 76-2011, Travis W. Money

No action required, none taken

Order No. 50-2011, Steven J. Mustain

No action required, none taken

Order No. 77-2011, Matthew Myers

No action required, none taken

Order No. 79-2011, Maunel M. Nardini

No action required, none taken

Order No. 68-2011, Maia L. Patterson

No action required, none taken

Order No. 69-2011, Kelly Russ

No action required, none taken

Order No. 4-2012, Logan T. Ryan

No action required, none taken

Order No. 26-2011, Carla Schick

No action required, none taken

Order No. 78-2011, Molly Seagrave

No action required, none taken

Order No. 70-2011, Matthew Thompson

No action required, none taken

Order No. 74-2011, Joshua Vanblaircom

No action required, none taken

Order No. 81-2011, Christopher Weiss

No action required, none taken

Order No. 28-2011, Dennis William Yuhasz

No action required, none taken

Appeals

Horatio J. Nalls

William Carey

Commissioner Mackey offered a motion to grant the appeals. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gordon. The motion was passed.

Administrative Law Judge Decisions

Lawrence Michael Mudd

The agency objects to Judge Bippus's decision.

Commissioner Archer offered a motion to appoint a committee of three (3) commissioners to review the case and that the parties have their reports to the committee within thirty (30) days of this Commission Meeting. The committee shall prepare recommendations for the Commission by the next EMS

Commission. Chairman Miller shall appoint the members of the committee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zartman. Motion passed.

Chairman Miller called for volunteers for the committee: Commissioner Zartman, Commissioner Mackey, and Commissioner Dunham volunteered for the committee. The information will be submitted to the agency then forwarded via email to the committee members.

DATA REGISTRY REPORT

Gary Robison would like to come together with staff to go through providers to match database information.

Current Stats:

191,500 Incidents for 2011 so far

230,000 Incidents for 2010

250 Departments reported for 2010

207 Departments reported for 2011 so far

Server is being switched over to a new server. With the new server, all departments will have a password on the fh.net server. The information will go directly into the server to help with privacy issues. The password will only grant import privileges not export privileges. At the Special Meeting of the Commission last week, the Commission expressed a desire to see all providers submitting their reports on NEMSIS V2.2 by year's end.

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

No report submitted or given at the meeting.

Chairman Miller assigned the TAC to work with staff to complete the prioritization of the EMS Vision for the Future document.

Chairman Miller stated that the Commission reviewed the applications and resumes of the individuals interested in filling the open position on the TAC. Chairman Miller recognized Commissioner Gordon.

Commissioner Gordon offered a motion to recommend Jessica L. Lawley for the position and that we move that recommendation forward to the

**Governor's office. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zartman.
The motion passed.**

EMS FOR CHILDREN

No update at this time

No action required, none taken

TRAUMA COMMITTEE REPORT

Jason Smith reported that there is a task force meeting on February 17, 2012.

Chairman Miller recommended removal of Trauma Committee section from agenda. It will be added to "New Business" when they have a report.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Miller announced that applications are being accepted for the opening on the EMS Commission vacated due to Dr. Rutherford's resignation. He held the position of Emergency Physician. Nominations and resumes can be sent to the Governor's Office.

Commissioner Olinger stated that Indiana ACEP has always helped advertise that position. Chairman Miller asked Commissioner Olinger to take care of informing Indiana ACEP of the opening.

CHAIRMAN DIRECTION

The Chairman restated that the making of the priority list for Vision of Future report will be sent to TAC.

Evaluate the need to certify non-transport AED providers, Chairman Miller stated he will take that on himself and work with staff.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The next EMS Commission meeting will be held on March 16, 2012 at

East Street Studios

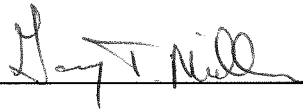
18880 North East Street

Westfield, IN 46074

George Schulp announced the that the EMS License plate is in the last phase. Anyone can go to Indianaems.net to vote to choose logos; there are six (6) different logos. All funding goes to help with industry (EMS) legislation issues and memorial funds.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Approved



Gary Miller, Chairman